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SUBJECT: JOURNALISTS SETTLE FOR HALF LOAF

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B. ROME 17325 OF DECEMBER 13, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. JOURNALISTS AND PUBLISHERS CONCLUDED AGREE-  
MENT ON FEBRUARY 5 FOR NEW CONTRACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR 35,000  
LIRE (50 DOLLARS) PER MONTH WAGE INCREASE AND UNION ROLE IN  
EDITORIAL POLICIES OF ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS. END SUMMARY

2. JOURNALISTS AND PRINTERS JOINED FORCES DURING DECEMBER  
AND JANUARY FOR A SERIES OF ONE-DAY STRIKES WHICH DISRUPTED  
NEWSPAPER, TV AND RADIO SERVICES. HAVING SOUGHT AN INCREASE  
OF APPROXIMATELY 100 DOLLARS PER MONTH IN BASIC SALARIES, THE  
JOURNALISTS SETTLED FOR HALF THIS AMOUNT. THE PRINTERS  
SETTLED EARLIER FOR AN INCREASE OF 25,000 LIRE (APPROXIMATELY  
40 DOLLARS) PER MONTH.

3. THE JOURNALISTS' CONTRACT PROVIDES THAT THEIR UNIONS  
WILL BE INFORMED AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF DECISIONS TO  
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CHANGE NEWSPAPER EDITORS. PROPOSED NEW EDITORS WILL BE RE-

QUIRED TO DESCRIBE THEIR EDITORIAL POLICIES TO THE JOURNALISTS.  
CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP ARE ALSO TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE UNIONS.

4. COMMENT. THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU) IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY MILITANT WITH RESPECT TO WHAT IT CALLS THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF INFORMATION CHANNELS IN ITALY, AND THE GROWING CONCENTRATION OF NEWSPAPER OWNERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING TO INFLUENCE THE EDITORIAL CONTENT OF NEWSPAPERS, THE CCU HAS RECENTLY CONCERNED ITSELF WITH THE CONTENT OF STATE-CONTROLLED RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS AND WITH SEVERAL CENSORSHIP ISSUES WHICH RANGE FROM PORNOGRAPHY TO PRESS TREATMENT OF THE ABORTION QUESTION. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT ILLUSTRATION OF THE WAY IN WHICH TRADE UNIONISM IN ITALY IS INCREASINGLY SHIFTING ITS FOCUS FROM TRADITIONAL CONCERN FOR WAGES AND HOURS AND WORK CONDITIONS TOWARD MORE GENERAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES WHICH ARE USUALLY THE DOMAIN OF POLITICAL PARTIES. IN THIS SENSE THE CCU REPRESENTS A CHALLENGE TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES IN ITALY WHILE REMAINING MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO PCI INFLUENCE THROUGH ITS DOMINANT PARTNER, THE CGIL. VOLPE

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